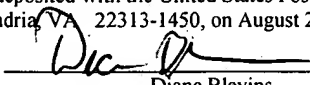


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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action mailed 28 May 2003, time for response to which was set to expire 28 August 2003. This Reply is thus believed to be timely.

Claims 1-20 are pending, with claims 2, 4, 11 and 12 withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1; 3, 5-10 and 13-20 have been rejected. Reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.